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Our Cover Picture

The Brotherhood exhibit at the ULCA convention in Des Moines featured a grap display suggested by the Board of Social Missions. The Brotherhood is committed support the Church's new year-round program on evangelism. See story on page "Get the Little Fellow."

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otlight On The Convention

OSEPH B. MOHR

itheran Unity and Evangelism will be supported by a Debt-Free Brother-
ood.

This was the best convention I attended."

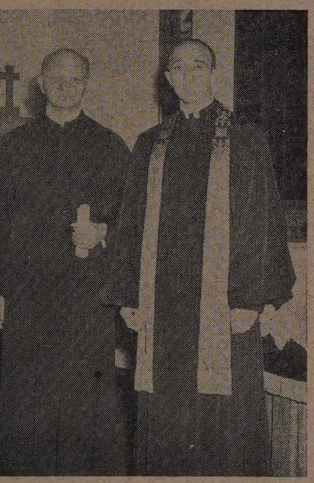
ius Mr. William Shetlock, Co-, Pa., retiring Brotherhood trea-r, characterized the 17th biennial ention of the ULC Brotherhood, edar Rapids, Oct. 1, 2 and 3,

ie business sessions were con-ed with efficiency, a remarkable t of harmony prevailed, and the departed from Cedar Rapids a hopeful outlook, with these rminations uppermost in mind: determination to remain debt-now that the deficit has been d out; a determinaton to support Church's new year-round evan-m program; a determination to tice Lutheran unity and to sup-all the Church's efforts toward y.

ie Brotherhood is a "winning " that will draw others into the um, declared Brotherhood Pres-t Ralph J. Wohlsen, Bridgeport, n. "We have a new outlook. A spirit is in the making."

The Opening Service

Not by might, nor by power, but y spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." is keynote was sounded by the



DR. REINARTZ and PASTOR SCHWEGLER
Convention Preacher and Liturgist

Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, secretary of the ULC, in his sermon at the opening service of the convention on Sunday evening, Oct. 1. at 7:30 in First Lutheran Church, the Rev. H. G. Schwegler, pastor.

"The might and main of our Church are but a token of what it ought to be and can become, if through humbleness and meekness and holiness we go forward in the spirit of the cross."

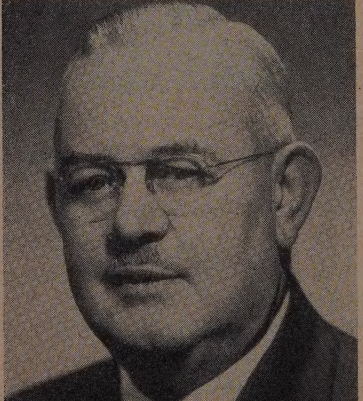
The weapons of our warfare are

not carnal, said Dr. Reinartz. The spirit that really conquers is that of self emptying, as the majestic Son of God did in the upper room when he took a towel and bent to wash men's feet. When men failed him, he had the look and spirit of forgiveness, even for his enemies.

"Does it sound a little foolish that this forgiveness go to our most bitter personal enemies and even the enemies of our nation? We don't take a towel and stoop—we take bazookas and threaten to use H-bombs.

"As surely as we do, we shall perhaps in our time, find the citadels of our pride crushed because we depended too much on our might and not enough on the spirit of God for conquest."

Pastor Schwegler was in charge of the service, and the senior choir sang.



PRESIDENT RALPH J. WOHLSEN
Read his Biographical sketch on page 31

Down To Business

The convention was formally op
ed by President Wohlsen on M
day morning, Oct. 2, in the Cry
Room of Hotel Montrose, where
business sessions were held.

Devotions preceding the busir
sessions were conducted by the R
Joseph B. Mohr, Brooklyn, N.Y.,
itor of *Lutheran Men*, who ba
his meditations on the convent
theme: "Advance, O Church of C
through Worship, Service, Bo
Works."

Greetings

Delegates and visitors to the c
vention were greeted by Mr. Rod
Berger, Cedar Rapids, president
the Iowa synodical Brotherhood
chairman of the local convent
committee. Mr. Berger revealed
there are 17 brotherhoods in the
congregations of the Iowa Synod.

Greetings were also extended
Mr. Arthur Wulfsberg, president
the local brotherhood in Cedar
pids.

In reply to the words of welco
Mr. Harry E. Isenhour, Salisbury
C., retiring member of the execu
committee and past president of
Brotherhood in 1936, assured
hosts that "we have been rece
courteously." He expressed the h
that the members of the Brotherh
grow into a powerful force.

Greetings From the ALC

A telegram expressing good w
es was received from Mr.
Schock, Detroit, Mich., directo

REV. JOSEPH B. MOHR
Convention Chaplain

Brotherhood of the American
eran Church.
esident Wohlsen recognized the
nce in the convention of Mr.
I. Holstad, executive secretary
ie American Federation of Lu-
in Brotherhoods and National
eran scout director.
r. Louis H. Bender, Davenport,
, president of the ALC Broth-
od, brought greetings from the
gest (eight years old) Broth-
od of the American Federation
utheran Brotherhoods.

Greetings From Japan

handshake across the sea" was
ded by Mr. Kiyoshi Yamada,
, Japan, who, on his first tour
merica, attended the convention
e first official delegate from the
herhood of Japan. Organizer of
rotherhood movement in his na-
land, and official delegate from

the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan to the ULC convention in Des Moines, Mr. Yamada expressed thanks for the kindness and support the ULC Brotherhood has given him in his work.

'My visit has made me feel closer to you, and I renew my determination to serve God better."

No More Deficit

Great joy was expressed over Treasurer Shetlock's report that the Brotherhood is debt-free. A prayer of thanks was offered by the convention chaplain.

Mr. Shetlock revealed that *Lutheran Men* now operates on a money saving basis, with substantial increases in advertising.

The Brotherhood has no unpaid bills, no liabilities, and there is a balance in the bank.

Pastor Schwegler's Address

"Worship" was the subject of an address by Pastor Schwegler on Monday at 11:15 a.m.

Men naturally seek to worship and be loyal to something, said the speaker. The Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to worship, but few take advantage of the opportunity to worship in the right way.

Pastor Schwegler then explained the meaning of worship, under these divisions: 1. Worship by the individual. 2. Worship in the family. 3. Worship in the church.

He concluded by pointing out what worship can do for us, how it can help us.

MR. KIYOSHI YAMADA
Greetings from Japan

The 1951 Topics

The Rev. Arthur H. Getz, Philadelphia, Pa., editor of the Parish and Church School Board, and editor of the 1951 Brotherhood topics, spoke of some of the difficulties encountered in selecting topics to be used by Brotherhoods all over the country. What will suit one group might not suit another. But he assured the convention that the 1951 topics, based upon the 10 objectives of the Brotherhood, are the best ever.

"Get The Little Fellow"

A huge picture on cloth was the background of an earnest discussion on evangelism on Monday afternoon.

The Rev. Royal E. Lesher, New York, N. Y., director of evangelism for the Board of Social Missions, spoke about the necessity of winning the lapsed souls back to Christ. Brotherhood can support the Chur new year-round program on e gelism if it begins by concentra upon those who have drifted a from the Church, said the spea

Prepared under the direction of Rev. Mr.Lesher, the chart silhoue a small man representing 420, lapsed members, a larger man re senting 954,973 communicant m bers, and a huge man represen the total manpower of the U lapsed and communicant mem combined, 1,375,588 souls.

'Get the little fellow!" was speaker's recurring command. he insisted that only through a for those whom Christ loves can work of evangelizing be carried effectively.

A Challenge

Continuing the pace which Rev. Mr. Lesher set, Mr. Merwyn Fuss, Taneytown, Md., past presid of the Maryland synodical Brot hood, delivered an inspiring c lenge to the convention, urging men to think seriously about e gelism.

We can do this work, said he, ly through an appreciation of G love. We need preparation, for cannot feed unless we have someth to give. We need inspiration, in ination, consecration, determinat said the speaker.

Dr. Getz Comments

"This convention is an inspiratio assured Dr. Getz, commenting u the preceding talks on evangeli

PASTOR SCHWEGLER
Speaks on Worship

claimed that the January, 1951, herhood topic, "Winning Others Christ," would be decidedly help- in implementing the Brother- l's efforts in evangelism. He also ted out that all the 1951 topics designed to implement the whole gram of the men's group.

Boys' Work

ue to the illness of Dr. George Eichler, Northampton, Pa., chair- of the ULC Brotherhood Boy it Committee, his address on ys' Work" was read by the Rev. ur S. Deibert, also of Northamp-

Scouting has a long and distin- hed record in helping boys to be er boys," wrote Dr. Eichler. outing promotes self-reliance. rings out the best in boys."

One of the great values of scouting, said Dr. Eichler, is that it brings men and boys together. Here is a challenge to the men of the Church, to make their lives count by being worthy companions and examples to boys. He concluded by enumerating ways in which brotherhoods can be useful in dealing with youth.

Fellowship Banquet

The Honorable Einer P. Juel, mayor of Councl Bluffs, Iowa, was toastmaster at the fellowship banquet on Monday evening, when 250 delegates, visitors, and their wives enjoyed a grand evening.

Dr. Fry Speaks

Fraternal greetings were brought to the banquet by the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the ULC. Laymen occupy a unique place in the Christian movement today, according to Dr. Fry. The hope for an impact upon the world lies in laymen. Where ministers are depended upon alone, the Church languishes.

"The Church rejoices in the uprising of laymen. Begin anew to realize the importance of the universal priesthood of believers. Be a priest.

"Be one who prays, who never *says* his prayers but pours out his heart."

Furthermore, a priest goes deep into the mind of God by reading the Word, said Dr. Fry. Searching the Scriptures is a lost art. We would not leave a letter from an earthly father unopened, unread, and we should not leave God's letter to us unopened, unread.

"Laymen need a distinctive sense

of vocation in their daily work. They must discover how the motive of the Christian life can be made to live where men live. Any attempt to isolate the Kingdom of God is one of the worst things that can be done. Life cannot be divided into a church-side and a weekday-side."

Bring Christianity into life, concluded Dr. Fry, and the Kingdom of God will be actual in the world today. This can be done, and it m be done fast.

Lutheran Unity

"The fight has only started."

With these words, the Rev. M ris Wee, president of Carthage C lege, speaker at the fellowship b quet, challenged his audience i talk on Lutheran unity.

"We are in a race with catas

Hon. Einar Juel introducing Dr. Morris Wee, the banquet speaker, seated next President Wohlsen on left.

" warned Dr. Wee. "Our only
is in the advance of the Chris-
Church."

he speaker exhorted his listen-
o live for two redemptive values:
ersonal priesthood and a world
herhood in Christ.

he bond in Christ unites people
e the things that divide them,
rding to Dr. Wee. During the
Niemoeller and Kagawa were
with us in spirit.

The Christian fellowship must be
nized for advance. The Church
t learn to tell the message to-
er or the world won't believe it.
is no time for divided command,
but for co-ordinated strategy.

"I don't want to die before I see Lutheran unity achieved," emphasized the speaker.

"What keeps us apart?" he asked. "We are so concerned about ourselves that we have no time for the larger problems of unity. We don't ask, 'What must I sacrifice'?"

Most of us feel on the defensive, according to Dr. Wee. We have no contrition over being disunited. We imagine we can wait, and God will bring unity to pass in his good time. The speaker declared that we say "we are ready" but we mean it not.

"We like to do things in the same

CONVENTION BANQUET — SPEAKER'S TABLE

L. to r.: Mrs. Earle W. Bader; Earle W. Bader; Dr. F. D. Boldt, Pres. of the Iowa
nod; Mr. Kiyoshi Yamada; Ralph J. Wohlsen; Dr. Moris Wee; Hon. Einar P. Juel;
s. Einar P. Juel; E. M. (Pat) Jensen; Rev. H. G. Schwegler; Mrs. H. G. Schwegler.

old way," revealed Dr. Wee. "We are suspicious of those who do things differently, who have different views on ethics, on the liturgy. We can't realize that we have different approaches to ways of living."

The speaker disclosed that some persons ask, "What are we going to gain from unity?" Others, said he, will accuse the ULC of being liberal but they don't realize that the ULC has creative theologians, and that liberalism is only a relative term.

"On the bright side," concluded Dr. Wee, "Lutheran unity works where it has been tried—as in NLC student work, in public relations, in foreign missions—wherever it has been put into practice.

"What can we do? We can pray. We can be impatient of delay and ask for facts concerning delay. We can be less concerned about the local brotherhood, and tie in with all brotherhoods in regional areas.

"We need patience, understanding and forgiveness. And we have little enough of forgiveness. Why can't we all sit down together and inquire 'What's wrong with us?'

"There is still time to work for unity."

Election

On Tues. Oct. 3, at 9 a.m. the following men were elected to offices and committees:

President, Ralph J. Wohlsen, New York Synod; first vice president, Fred W. Konemann, Maryland S od; second vice president, Willi Shetlock, Ministerium of Penn vania; third vice president, B. Bodie, South Carolina Synod; se tary, Aubrey Mauney, North Carol Synod; treasurer, Ernest C. J. Hal Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The executive committee: term piring 1956, Alfred Arnesen Illinois Synod; Leonard F. A ford, Ministerium of Pennsylvan the Rev. Paul M. Kinports, So Carolina Synod; term expiring 19 Merwyn C. Fuss, Maryland Syn term expiring 1952, William Kedde, Nebraska Synod.

Memorial Adopted

"The committee on Memori Reference and Counsel has recei and prayerfully considered the morial presented by the North olina Brotherhood in 1943, and spectfully recommends as follo

"That the basic facts back of memorial have acted as a stimul to the executive committee in i grating the work of the Brotherh with the work of the ULCA, and this committee urges that the e utive committee of the Luthe Brotherhood continue to integrate work of the Brotherhood with work of the Church, to its fullest tent."

This was adopted.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

eated l. to r.: Fred W. Konemann, First Vice President; Ralph J. Wohlsen, President; iam Shetlock, Second Vice-President; Aubrey Mauney, Scretary.

anding l. to r.: Executive Committee Members William F. Kedde, Leonard F. Ash-, Afred Arneson, Sr., Merwyn C. Fuss.

ie following were also elected but do not appear on this photo: Ernest C. J. Haller, surer; B. T. Bodie, Third Vice-President; and Rev. Paul M. Kinports, D.D., Member utive Committee.

Resolution On Unity

Tuesday morning, after further sion of Lutheran unity, the fol- g resolution was adopted:

hereas the Brotherhood of the has stated in previous conven- its readiness to achieve Luth- unity and to be actively en- in bringing this Lutheran un- completion; and

hereas Brotherhoods of other of the Lutheran Church meet nilar purpose from time to time

"Whereas Brotherhoods of the Augustana Synod met in Joliet, Ill., within a week of this meeting to promote unity among their congregations; and

"Whereas the Brotherhood of the ULCA has assembled for the purose, among other matters, of discussing ways and means for promoting unity among the congregations of the Lutheran churches;

"Be it therefore resolved:

"That the Brotherhood of the ULCA endorse its previous actions

to the end that we foster Lutheran unity; that the Brotherhood of the ULCA look with favor upon efforts of its local brotherhoods to foster Lutheran unity in America and that we pledge ourselves to continue to work as an auxiliary of the Church to this end; be it furthermore resolved:

"That the executive committee of the ULCA Brotherhood be directed to endeavor to arrange a joint meeting with the Brotherhood of any other Lutheran body scheduling its next convention nearest the place and date of our own next convention; and be it also resolved:

"That the convention of the ULA meeting in Des Moines be notified of these resolutions."

Tribute To Traver

A motion was passed instructing the committee on resolutions to notify Dr. Traver of the gratitude of the Brotherhood for his good work as editor of *Lutheran Men.*

SYNODICAL PRESIDENTS AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Front row—l. to r.: C. A. Barnhart, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Harold F. Krauss, Winston Salem, North Carolina; Oscar H. Lindow, Charleston, West Virginia; Clarence L. Sox, West Columbia, South Carolina; O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln, Nebraska; Arthur Koehler, Cuero, Texas; R. B. Cummings, Pasadena, California.

Second row—l. to r.: S. F. Wilch, Appleton, Wisconsin; Fred W. Konemann, Silver Spring, Maryland; Edward Shotzberger, Lancaster, Penna.; Walter C. Koehler, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Rodney C. Berger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Hans P. Treuenfels, Norwalk, Connecticut.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

ar Brothers:

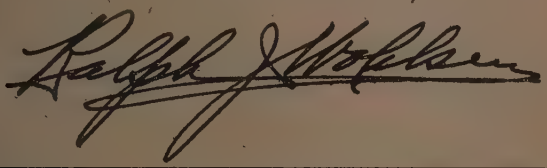
As your re-elected President for the next two years, I pledge you the ne devotion to the duties of that office that I endeavored to demonte in the past two years, and ask each and every one of you brethren give me your unqualified support in bringing succesful results to a y heavy program of work for our Church, which includes:

. EVANGELISM
. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
. IMPROVEMENT OF "LUTHERAN MEN" and WIDER DISTRIBUTION
. 100% COOPERATION WITH THE SOCIAL MISSION BOARD, which should include activation in the D.P. placements
. C.H.E.Y. into successful termination
. LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION

We must activate ourselves in all these programs, BUT LET'S ALL CK TOGETHER AND FOLLOW THE TIME-TABLE THAT IS SET UP R CHURCH-WIDE WORK IN ALL THESE FIELDS.

While thanking God for all His gifts to each of us at THANKSGIVING ive some thought to our Displaced Persons—you will be more appretive of your own blessings and more willing to lend a helping hand to se who are not so fortunate BUT ARE STILL OUR CHRISTIAN OTHERS.

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,



Registration

nety-seven delegates out of 127 were certified attended the con-on.

ewardship Committee Report

he program of stewardship in Brotherhood has proved to be a ulating influence, as was exed by the presidents of synods, erences, and individual pastors ese words: 'It did show the efin the raising of the apportion- wherever the Brotherhood has adopted the stewardship program of the ULCA Brotherhood stewardship committee."

The stewardship committee offered this resolution to the convention: "That serious consideration be given and careful study be made of the feasibility of combining the programs of evangelism, education and stewardship in the hands and care of one large committee, so as to avoid needless duplication and prevent large overhead costs."

This was referred to the executive committee.

The building of churches in war-devastated lands, through Lutheran World Action, is one way you can help rebuild a world with Christ as the cornerstone. Are you helping to build—now? Tomorrow it may be too late.

"Lutheran World Action is Our Action Now" has been the slogan of the Brotherhood for many years. The "now" of 1950 is rapidly slipping away into a "then."

Men and women famished from lack of hearing the Word of God a waiting for you to act. Before t end of 1950 many of these perso will die. Do you care?

Yes, the work of the Lord is nev finished. It is a continuous "now We can never sit back in comfo and say, "At last we have do enough."

"This important work is not fi ished," said the Rev. Frank M

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Brown, director of Lutheran World Action. "Let no one grow weary in well doing. As long as there exists such suffering and need in the world; as long as some men treat their fellowmen like beasts and ignore God and our Savior Jesus Christ; as long as God continues to supply our needs so long will Lutheran World Action call on you and the Brotherhood our Lutheran Churches to stre then and build the Kingdom of on earth."

If your congregation has not reached its 1950 LWA goal, no the time to stretch a few musc and spring into action.

THIS BUDGET WAS ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION FOR THE NEW BIENNIUM

	1949-1951	1951-19
Salaries		
Executive Secretary	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,200
Office Assistant	1,716.00	1,820
Stenographer	1,560.00	1,720
Office Clerk (Special Services)	1,560.00	1,560
Postage	700.00	600
Literature and Merchandise	500.00	1,000
Office Stationery and Supplies	700.00	900
Traveling Expense	500.00	900
Office Rent	900.00	900
Telephone and Telegraph	300.00	250
Treasurer's Expenses	100.00	200
American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods	500.00	500
Anniversary Sunday Material	750.00	500
Promotion and Extension	800.00	1,500
Scouting Promotion and Extension	750.00	500
Board of Pensions	1,232.00	400
Brotherhood Convention Expense	250.00	250
Capital Expenditures	300.00	600
Contingent Fund	998.00	
TOTAL	$18,116.00	$18,300

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

ngregational Brotherhood Dues	$15,500.00	$16,000.00
ecial Contributions	500.00	100.00
niversary Offerings	1,500.00	1,000.00
erature and Merchandise		1,200.00
nsions by Employees	616.00	
TOTAL	$18,116.00	$18,300.00

AN IMPRESSIVE CITY — CEDAR RAPIDS

Gracious, progressive, and attractive, Cedar Rapids, an industrial city Iowa, with its spacious business district and its great manufacturing ants, with its sturdy old trees and wide streets in the residential area, was e scene of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood convention.

In 1838 a single cabin near the Cedar River, and today a thriving center, pulation, 72,000, the convention city has an airport, four major railroad es, three radio stations, one daily and two weekly newspapers.

The spirit of 1844, when pioneers held religious services above two store oms, has prevailed to this day, and 65 churches now serve 34 denomina-ons. From a tiny, one-room schoolhouse, education has developed into ur six-year public high schools, 16 elementary schools, two parochial ele-entary schools, three parochial grade and high schools combined, one siness college, and one co-educational liberal arts college, Coe, with an rollment of 800.

First Lutheran Church, the Rev. H. G. Schwegler, pastor, was host to the nvention.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
CLOTHING APPEAL

Through your Thanks Giving your brethren too can give thanks

Send your gifts for the needy abroad to your nearest LWR depot, or to

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
North 13 Street & Bushkill Drive EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Lutheran World Relief is sponsoring a Thanksgiving clothing appea among Lutheran bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council, ac cording to Bernard A. Confer, administrative secretary of L.W.R.

"The clothing which we send abroad . . . have a spiritual message to th people who receive them," said Mr. Confer. "They give evidence that th Church cares for them and often provide them with the courage they nee to meet their many problems."

Twelve million refugees were forced to flee from behind the Iron Curtain now barely existing in the western zones of Germany and Austria. Berlin alone receives 400 refugees a day. As a result of the Arab-Israeli war 750,000 Arab refugees now live in tents and improvised shelters in the Nea East. In western Germany 400,000 homeless adolescents wander about, seek ing shelter and security.

In addition to the year-round receiving centers in Easton, Pa., and Lo Angeles, Cal., three warehouses are being arranged especially for this ap peal, in Minneapolis, Minn., Nappanee, Ind., and Seattle, Wash.

THE BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

By CHARLES F. BROBST

OBJECTIVES CONCLUDED

For the past year this column has presented a series of articles on the objectives of the Brotherhood. They have been practical in nature rather than theoretical. Many of the suggestions have been tried with success by men's groups. They are worthy of being considered by others.

This department would like to hear from Brotherhoods that have successfully promoted any of the objectives. A story of such success would not only be interesting to others but suggestive and helpful.

Action Versus Intention

No practical plan works by itself. A plan may be perfect, but unless it is put into operation, there might as well be no plan at all. The poorest plan that is zealously promoted, accomplishes far more than the best that worked not at all or poorly.

It is easy to formally adopt and accept aims. Resolutions of conventions are so often forgotten after the delegates have voted "aye." These things sound good at large gatherings and look attractive on paper. The potential value may be priceless, but the actual results will be nil unless something very positive and definite is done.

Consecration

To accomplish results in God's Kingdom we must become instruments of the Holy Spirit. Through our willing efforts his will becomes operative, his church is strengthened and his Kingdom is extended. Sitting on the sidelines doing nothing not only sets a bad example but also weakens the capacity to serve.

Let the men of the church arise to the call of the Master. Let them be willing to use their minds, their hearts, their hands, their feet, their lips, to accomplish the greatest and the most urgent task in all the world. Let them enthusiastically answer, "Lord, here am I, use me." Is that your answer? If it is, the suggestions given in these articles may become the means of evangelizing the unchurched and of educating and energizing its membership.

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

By EARL S. RUDISILL

LIVING OUT OUR GRATITUDE

It's easy to be forgetful and ungrateful! No one wants to be that way. But it's an inborn trait of human life to seek the easy, pleasant way — to avoid thinking, reaching conclusions, and putting principles into effect. But the progressive, upward, constructive way calls for effort, planning, and reasoning.

Tendency Toward Formalism

The human drift is toward taking all blessings for granted and to complain if they fail to arrive. This tendency if allowed to dominate one's thoughts and feelings, can make of him a third- or fourth-rate person — just a wizened little soul. But this must not be. We can be much better. A lady who lost ten years' savings in an ill-starred business venture, commented, "A thoroughbred never cries; I'm a thoroughbred."

It's an easy gratitude for one simply to express some sort of appreciation in words — oral or written. Even a phonograph can do that. It's likely to come merely from the surface, rather than from the depths of one's being.

The giving of thanks to God may also be limited to what happens in a church service on Thanksgiving day. Real appreciation cannot be confined to four walls. Even the expressions of thanks in churches on Thanksgiving day leave much to be desired. Have you ever seen a half dozen congregations hold a union Thankgiving service and just half fill one sanctuary? How much gratitude is there?

Gratitude is Serious and Joyful

Seriousness and happiness are compatible — though they may seem opposites. Giving thanks to God and to fellow men is both serious and joyful. It involves reflection on one's blessings, evaluating them, and telling God about the joys they have yielded.

Expression of thanks to God is not limited to any kind of form. It is something so big and strong that it overflows all set forms. It finds its way out everywhere, for everything good, and under all circumstances. Is it not life itself at its best?

Desirable as various specific forms of expression are, gratitude is a quality of living beyond everything else. It may, on occasion, be forced into a limited form, as air may be compressed in a small chamber. For both, the situation is unnatural. The natural, glorious form of the air is as we experience it day by day. And so it is with gratitude. Let us speak it, sing it, and live it out without stint.

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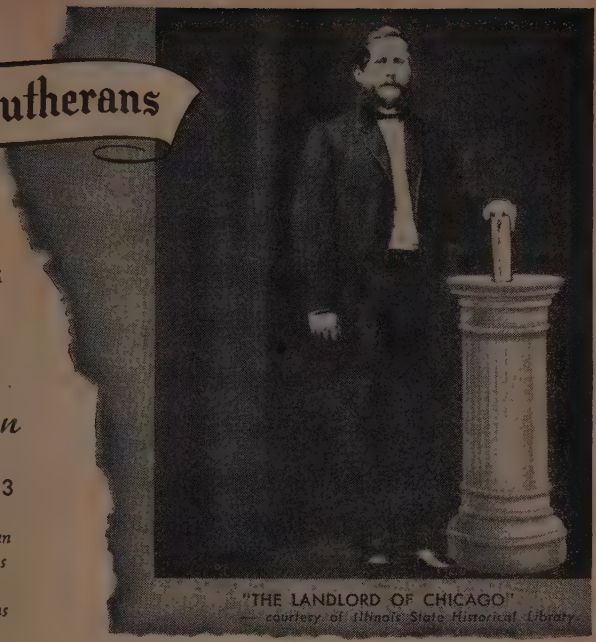

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The Lutheran World Federation

By S. C. MICHELFELDER

The Lutheran churches of the world represent more than one-half of the Protestants of the world, and are located in 28 countries.

After World War I there was a strong desire on the part of many Lutherans throughout the world for closer ties. In the historic German city of Eisenach, in 1923, the Lutheran World Convention was formed.

One hundred and forty-seven delegates were present, of whom 18 were from the United States and Canada. Among the Americans then present, only one is still living, Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, who is active in the executive committee. We will recall only a few of the other stalwart leaders, who have gone to the Church Triumphant:

Dr. G. A. Brandelle, of the Augustana Synod; Dr. C. C. Hein, of the Joint Synod of Ohio (at that time) and later the American Lutheran Church; Dr. C. M. Jacobs, of Mt. Airy Seminary; Dr. F. H. Knubel, of the United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. J. A. Morehead, then executive director of the National Lutheran Council; Dr. M. Reu, of Wartburg Seminary; Dr. H. G. Stub,

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Note: This topic was prepared in May, 1949, and aims to show some of the developments in this world organization and its meaning to church members.

Aim: To show the men of the Church where they individually and collectively have a responsibility toward the Lutheran Church throughout the world.

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Hymn: "Silent Night! Holy Night!"— No. 530 C.S.B., or No. 20 P.S.H.
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

the Norwegian Lutheran Church. These men were among the pioers in Lutheran world unity. Other etings followed in Copenhagen, 9; Paris, 1936; and Lund, 1947.

The Years of Inactivity

The year 1940 was to be the great ar for the Lutheran world Convenn, when there was an internationmeeting planned for Philadelphia. e program was pretty well comted. Study groups were hard at rk. The theme was to be "The heran Church in the World Toy."

The international stability was ttered by World War II, and with he plans of a convention in Philelphia.

The general secretary, Dr. Hans e, was a big figure in the resisce to Hitler, and could not corresnd with Lutheran leaders outside rmany. Eventually he was imprised by the Nazis, and nothing uld be done to resurrect the cause the convention until 1945.

The First Signs of Life

n December, 1945, the late Dr. lph Long, Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, and Franklin Clark Fry went to Conhagen to meet with a few kined spirits of the executive committ or their representatives, to revive cause of the convention. They cted Archbishop Eidem of Swen as acting president, who was n the first vice president. They o elected R. Michelfelder as exetive secretary. Neither of these n was present.

An official meeting of the executive committee was then held in 1946 at Upsala, Sweden. Definite plans were made for an international assembly in Lund, Sweden, in June, 1947. Here the biggest advance was made for the Lutheran Church of the world, when a constitution was adopted and a new name was given to the international body. Though it was a different world, the theme of 1940 was again chosen: "The Lutheran Church in the World Today."

New Name

The old name, Lutheran World Convention, was never rightly understood. Americans thought of a convention as a coming together of people, but not as a body with work to do.

The new name "federation" is a much stronger term, for it joins groups together in a working body. That was the idea behind the new proposal.

The new body should not be only a conference of church leaders, every five years, but a truly representative assembly of every part of the church; theologians, pastors, teachers, social workers, laymen, lay women, youth, students, editors, and church officials.

Many thought it an impossible task to get ready for an assembly in about a year's time. Remember that these plans were put in motion approximately one year after the end of World War II. Military occupation armies were in Germany, Austria, and Italy. Transportation and communication systems were still disrupted. No large delegations had

been permitted to leave the occupied countries. Very little of the old structure of the Lutheran World Convention was left. In some ways it was more difficult to revive a cause which had almost perished than to organize an entirely new organization.

Lund Did Succeed

One of the greatest experiences of the convention was the opening service in the historic cathedral in Lund. Here thousands of people crowded together to partake of the Lord's Supper. Here was a solemn testimony to the source of our strength, our Saviour Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church. Here, too, was a beautiful testimony to the unity of faith and unity of purpose.

Delegates and visitors came from all continents. They spoke many languages. They came from Australia, Austria, South America, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, India, the Latvian Church in Exile, the Lithuanian Church in Exile, Madagascar, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States of America. One hundred and ninety-two delegates were seated officially. There were many more visitors who attended the meetings.

Fellowship

Even before listing the accomplishments, we must give attention to the question of fellowship.

Here was a new experiment. The smoke of battle had cleared. The rubble of destroyed cities was still in the streets of many European c ties. The effects of war with its p sons and concentration camps coul be seen on men's faces. Many cam from central Europe with tattere clothes and shoes. Many were wea and starved. But the spirit of Hol Communion made all brothers No wegians and Germans, Hungarian and Danes, Poles and Austrian were soon walking arm in arm, d cussing the Lutheran Church and h problems.

Fellowship does promote unity. N postwar hatreds or suspicions ente ed any of the sectional or plena sessions.

Accomplishments

You ask, what was accomplish that concerns us here in the Unite States and Canada, and especiall in our Brotherhood? This is a fai and good question. Here are practi cal achievements.

The constitution was unanimousl adopted. It was a thrilling expe ience on July 1 to hear the unan mous vote of the delegates and th hearty singing of the delegates. It seemed as if there was a respons from the angelic host before th throne of God.

Some of the special features of th constitution, besides the new nam and the doctrinal unity, are the **pur poses.** Read them carefully:

a. To bear united witness befor the world to the Gospel of Jesu Christ, as the power of God for sa vation;

b. To cultivate unity of faith an confession among the Luthera

urches of the world;

. To promote fellowship and co-eration in study among Lutherans;

d. To foster Lutheran participation ecumenical movements;

e. To develop a united Lutheran proach to responsibilities in mis-ns and education; and

f. To support Lutheran groups in ed of spiritual and material aid.

These purposes are significant be-use they represent such an advan-d step for the Church of the Re-rmation. It is not saying too much say that Lund marked the greatest vance of the Church since the Re-rmation. Lund marked the turning ay from provincialism to a world-de approach to the work of the theran Church.

Look at (a) evangelism: Bearing ited "witness before the world to e Gospel of Jesus Christ as the wer of God for salvation." Here is recognition of the most powerful rce in the world: the Gospel of sus Christ. Here is the greatest and st task of the Church and of our otherhood.

(b) Then this newly formed body edges itself "to cultivate unity of ith and confession among the theran Churches." It is needed in merica as much as any place in the orld.

(c) To promote fellowship and co-peration in study among Lutherans. sk your pastor for a copy of the rinted report of the sections of the nd assembly report. Then study it. very Lutheran pastor received a opy of this report.)

(d) "To foster Lutheran participation in ecumenical movements." Here the Lutheran Church made another signal advance when it was written as a duty of Lutherans to "foster Lutheran participation. We as Lutherans have not always participated, and much less fostered, such co-operation in these world movements. It is here that laymen must become more active. The Christian church is being attacked by sinister forces on a worldwide front. The tactics of the enemy have been to "divide and rule and ruin!" We must not only participate in ecumenical movements, but since the Lutheran Church itself is ecumenical in its organization and program, it should be one of the chief pillars in ecumenical movements. May we suggest that brotherhoods procure literature not only about our own Lutheran co-operative organizations, but also about such ecumenical movements as the World Council of Churches, the World Committee of YMCA, and the World Student Christian Movement.

(e) When we come to this purpose, we have come to the most challenging responsibilities of all. As these lines are written, the Lutheran World Federation is about to become an international corporation under Swiss law. This means that the federation will be a legal entity with the right to own property, receive legacies, accept "power of attorney," sue and be sued. Here in the constitution, we pledge ourselves "to develop a united Lutheran

approach to responsibilities in missions and education."

In preparing for this topic, get in touch with the National Lutheran Council, which is the United States committee of the Lutheran World Federation, and ask for the latest developments of:

The Lutheran World Federation Commission on World Missions;

The status of the mission properties taken over for administration in Palestine;

The decisions of the executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation in Oxford, 1949, and the meeting in 1950.

(f) By the help of the Lutheran churches of America through Lutheran World Action, our churches have fulfilled the purpose: "To support Lutheran groups in need of spiritual or material aid." The millions of Lutherans who have been helped by the support of Lutheran World Action thank you. You have not only saved lives in the name of our Lord and Saviour, but you have saved souls and churches.

What To Do

A handbook for the organization of National Study Committees has been prepared. The office of the National Lutheran Council, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., can also supply you with copies.

Among the 15 study committees is one for "Men's Work." Here is where every member of the Brotherhood comes in. The local Brotherhood is the "cell" of the next larger unit, the "Men's Work Study Committee" under the U.S.A. committ of the Lutheran World Federati This national study group is rela to every other study group in countries, and is related to the ternational commission of "Me Work."

In 1952 the next assembly of t Lutheran World Federation will held. Plan now to send a strong d legation to the International meeti to help promote this division "Men's Work."

Questions for Discussion

1. How does the Lutheran Wor Federation fit into the activities Lutheran World Action?

2. Can you see any connectio between the Lutheran World Fede ation and the eventual unity of th Church of Jesus Christ?

3. What would you say is th chief task of the Lutheran Wo Federation today?

4. Is the Lutheran World Federa tion a missionary endeavor? How?

5. How can we participate in th program of the Lutheran World Fed eration?

Win Them and Bring Them

Assignment for the January Meetin

In 1951 our Brotherhoods wil study ten topics based upon the te Brotherhood objectives. There wil be two additional topics on closely related subjects.

The purpose of the 1951 topics wil be: (1) to make members of the Brotherhood thoroughly conversan with the official objectives of the Brotherhood, (2) to lead members o the Brotherhood, individually and

llectively, to take the steps necesry to attain the goals defined in ese objectives.

The 1951 Brotherhood topics ould provide a fine basis for ristian growth on the part of otherhood men, and should also ovide the opportunity for much ngdom growth. There should be tle need throughout the year of viting outside speakers. If such eakers are invited to regular otherhood meetings they should asked to speak on the topic for e month, and the necessary reurces should be placed at the disal of these speakers.

At the January meeting we are to scuss the first objective of the otherhood, "Win the unsaved for rist and bring back the lapsed embers." That there may be hearty rticipation in the discussions, and at the discussion may result in ristian action, as many of the folwing assignments as possible ould be carried out before the reular meeting:

1. Arrange for a showing of the otion picture, **Like a Mighty Army.** e sure to schedule this picture at a me when all members of your congregation will have an opportunity see it, not merely Brotherhood en.

2. Arrange for a showing of the lmstrip with sound entitled **Teamork.** This filmstrip with sound preents techniques which have been und helpful in connection with the very member visitation. Church ouncilmen and all members who participate in the every member visitation should be invited to be present.

3. Arrange to have members of the Brotherhood and any other interested individuals hear the two phonograph records entitled **It's Just a Beginning** and **With the Friendliness of Jesus.** Both deal with the every member visitation and may be used at the regular January meeting or a special meeting sponsored by the Brotherhood.

NOTE: The audio-visual aids referred to above may be obtained through the regular supply channels of your own church.

4. Encourage as many members of the Brotherhood as possible to read one of the following books:

a. **You Shall Be My Witnesses,** Avery and Lesher

b. **A Handbook of Evangelism,** D. C. Bryan

c. **Go and Tell,** Concordia Publishing House, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

It might be well to purchase one or more copies of each of the above books and place them on a bookshelf where all members of the Brotherhood will have access to them.

† † †

During the war, a London couple was so terrified by the idea of being bombed that it was decided to send Junior, aged 9, to an uncle in the country. Three days later, they received a telegram: "Am returning boy. Please send bomb instead."

—Watchman-Examiner

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

The Editorship Changes Hands

It is almost an awesome experience for me to take over the important responsibility of editing your magazine, **Lutheran Men.** There are many other easier responsibilities a pastor can assume in connection with parish work. But the call came to me, I like this kind of work, and I accepted the job.

Lutheran Men certainly owes a hearty vote of thanks to the former editor, Dr. Traver, for his long and useful service to the Brotherhood. In the midst of many duties, handicapped by living too far from publisher and printer, Dr. Traver was nevertheless more devoted to the welfare of this magazine than to his own convenience. And under the pressure of disadvantages to the most effective carrying out of his duties as editor, Dr. Traver requested that he be replaced.

And so the editorship changes hands with this issue.

Speak Your Mind

On this page I reserve the right to speak my mind. A page will be reserved for you to do the same, through letters to the editor.

This is your magazine; you buy it, you read it, you criticize it. Send me your Brotherhood news, your letters of comment.

No Hand Signals

It is said that when you driv your automobile you shouldn't in sult the intelligence of the man the car behind you by sticking ou your hand as you make a left turn The man in back of you can see pe fectly well that you **are** making left turn. The time to stick out you hand is **before** you make a turn.

As the new editor of **Lutheran Men** I don't want to give any han signals in advance. Naturally yo wonder what the new editor will d What can we expect now?

Well, you have enough intelli gence to see for yourself what devi ations, if any, **Lutheran Men** wi make from its former course. It would be foolish of me to make pro nouncements and promises tha could not be carried out. I'd prefe to proceed cautiously at first an find out where the road will lead.

A magazine, like many othe things, evolves and grows until it reaches proportions satisfactory t reader and publisher and edito With your patient co-operation an prayers, **Lutheran Men** can maintai its high standards of the past an continue to grow in effectiveness a it has under the hand of Dr. Traver.

May God guide our combined ef forts.

—Joseph B. Mob

Young Warren Jones seemed inordinately proud of his new car. One day his next door neighbor paused to compliment him upon its immaculate appearance.

"Jones," the neighbor remarked, "you certainly keep your car clean."

The proud owner grinned sheepishly and rejoined "Heck, it's mutual — it keeps me clean, too."

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The professor and his wife were returning from a gathering.

"Now who is absent minded?" he said, triumphantly, producing two umbrellas from under his arm. "You forgot your umbrella and I remembered not only mine, but yours, too."

"But," said his wife, "neither of us brought one!"

●

"I tell you," the old lady said firmly to the bellboy, "I will not have this room. I'm not going to pay for a closet without a window. Just because I'm from the country . . . ."

"Get in lady, get in," the bellboy said wearily, "this isn't your room. It's the elevator."

—Christian Union Herald

●

Farmer (to friend): I hear, Bert, that while you were in the city you took up this here golf. How'd do you like it?

Bert: Well, it ain't bad. It's a bit harder than hoin' turnips and a bit easier than digging potatoes.

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"It is I!" a voice replied.

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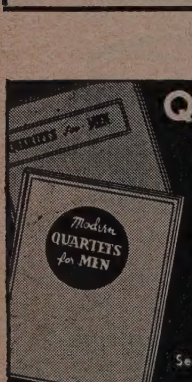

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